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2. Form 1449 listing 5 documents (1 page, in duplicate); and
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Pursuant to Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the following information is set forth in compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, as well as the duty of others substantively involved in the preparation of the above-titled application.

The Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application are aware of the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form and have enclosed a copy of each of the listed documents. The listed documents are the October 27, 2003 European Search Report and the documents cited in this Search Report.

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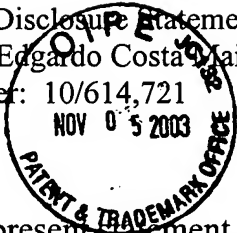
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The present statement reflects the direct knowledge of the undersigned and information disclosed to the undersigned by the Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation of the present application pursuant to their duty under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Applicants reserve the right to show, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, that any one or more of the documents cited on the PTO-1449 form is not prior art to the present invention.

Pursuant to the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Chapter 609, Applicants request that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form (submitted in duplicate).

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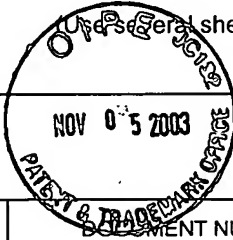
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
					YES	NO
EP 0 705 610 A1	04/10/96	EPO				
EP 0 820 775 A2	01/28/98	EPO				
EP 0 820 775 A3	02/11/98	EPO				
WO 97/32653	09/12/97	WIPO				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		European Search Report for counterpart Application No. 03015534.5 (3 pages).

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